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PASS GEORGE MARKON (BUREAU OF MINES, DEPT OF INTERIOR)

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SUBJ: ECE - COMMITTEE ON COAL (GENEVA, SEPT 22-26, 1975)

1. SEVENTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE ECE COAL COMMITTEE WAS HELD IN GENEVA, SEPT. 22-26, 1975. US REPRESENTED BY GEORGE MARKON, BUREAU OF MINES, DEPT. OF INTERIOR.
2. DURING COURSE OF SESSION ECE SECRETARIAT STAFF EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT THAT THERE HAD NOT YET BEEN COMPLETE RESPONSE FROM ALL MEMBERS TO ITS REQUEST FOR THOROUGH REVIEW OF DOCUMENTS E/ECE/883 OF 17 FEB 1975 AND E/ECE/883/ADD.1 OF 7 APRIL 1975. IT URGED MEMBER GOVERNMENTS TO COMPLETE REVIEW AND SUBMIT COMMENTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
3. DELEGATE FROM THE FRG, H. GIESEL, EXPRESSED PRIVATELY HIS DISAPPOINTMENT THAT SO FEW PAPERS FROM PRIVATE COMPANIES IN THE U.S. WERE OFFERED FOR ECE-SPONSORED SYMPOSIUM ON GASIFICATION AND LIQUEFACTION OF COAL TO BE HELD AT DUSSELDORF JANUARY 12-16, 1976. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT ADDITIONAL PAPERS MIGHT BE PRESENTED AND SAID THAT SUCH PAPERS COULD STILL BE SUBMITTED TO EITHER ECE SECRETARIAT OR SYMPOSIUM HEADQUARTERS NOTED IN COAL/R.14 AND ADD.1, P.5 OF THE SAME DOCUMENT.

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4. IN CONNECTION WITH DELIBERATION OF LONG-TERM PROGRAM AS UNDER-

LINED IN THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S INTRODUCTORY MESSAGE (GENEVA 7331), AS STAFF MEMBER DISCUSSED SOME OF THEIR FUNDAMENTAL FORECASTING WORK FOR THE ECE REGION. STAFF EXPECTED ITS PRELIMINARY WORK TO BE FINALIZED IN THE COMING 18 MONTHS.

5. DELEGATE FROM INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION SPOKE OF HIS ORGANIZATION'S COAL COMMITTEE AND ITS FORTHCOMING 10TH SESSION TO BE HELD AT GENEVA APRIL 28-MAY 6, 1976. AN AGENDA WAS DISTRIBUTED TO THE ECE COAL COMMITTEE PRESENT.

6. THE ECE COAL COMMITTEE'S SYMPOSIUM ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS RESULTING FROM COAL INDUSTRY ACTIVITIES WAS HIGHLIGHTED AND COORDINATION WITH OTHER ECE BODIES CONCERNED WAS BEING EXTENDED TO GAIN WIDER PARTICIPATION. POLISH DELEGATION PROPOSED THAT THE STUDY TOUR USUALLY SCHEDULED AFTER THE COAL COMMITTEE SESSION BE ADVANCED NEXT YEAR TO BEFORE THE SESSION TO MINIMIZE RISK OF UNFAVORABLE WEATHER. SUGGESTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE.DALE

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